

“Primetime (2): The Kingdom Advances Among Friends”

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- Acts 2:42-47 is the secret of the “ _____ ”.
- ◆ Strategic primetime principle: The Kingdom of God grows not only through public _____ (2:41), but just as successfully through private _____ (2:47).
- ◆ Ruthie Jacobsen: “The kingdom advances among _____ .”
- How can we live by this strategic primetime principle?
 - ◆ Method #1—Enlarge your circle of _____ .
 - My friends who need Jesus: _____ .
 - Graph #1—“Interaction with People Far from God”
 - Bill Hybels: “‘But here’s my deal, God. I will get all over spiritual development. I will be a Bible knowledge hound! If you want, I’ll throw myself into building Habitat for Humanity homes—every summer, in fact. I will climb all over volunteerism—I’ll show up at church five nights a week if you ask me to. You let me off the evangelism hook, and I’ll prove my love to you in a half dozen other ways if it kills me. That’s my deal.’” (*Just Walk Across the Room*, 63)
 - Graph #2—“Love Quotient”
 - Bill Hybels: “The longer you walk with God, the more open your arms become. Instead of clenching tightly to a small circle of insiders, you throw out your arms, opening them up to those outside the circle who may need to come in.” (65)
 - ◆ Method #2—Engage in “low-_____/high-_____” activities.
 - Ruthie Jacobsen: “By definition, low-risk/high-grace is any Kingdom witnessing activity that is comfortable for the timid but has the muscle to make a powerful grace statement. It’s a love-sharing activity that is doable even for those who have never seen themselves as members of the God Squad.” (*Bridges 101*, 19).
 - ◆ Method #3—Spread your _____ .
 - ◆ Method #4—Practice “radical _____ .”
 - Bill Hybels: “You have new eyes to see things as Jesus saw them. You allow people’s foibles and failings and faults to fall away, instead seeing them in their _____, Spirit-infused state. You see filthy-mouthed, party-loving, woman-chasing Joe, and you say, ‘What would Joe—even a guy like Joe—be like if God ruled and reigned in his heart? Joe would be incredible if Christ invaded his world!’” (69)
 - “Christ’s methods alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour _____ with [them] as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’” (*Ministry of Healing* 143)

The Kingdom advances among friends!

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